Crime rate in the Country

†2221. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the crime rate and cumulative growth in major crimes during 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999, upto June, 1999, State-wise; and

(b) the details of steps taken to reduce crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Available information in this regard is given in the (Annexure). *[See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 59]

(b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. As such, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government, however, extends financial assistance to the State Governments for improving their policing infrastructure. The Central Government also shares intelligence with the State Governments and sends them advisories from time to time.

Nefarious Activities on Indo-Pak Border

2222. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Pakistan based saboteurs carrying out nefarious activities on the Indo-Pak border; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government to prevent them from carrying out such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b)Yes, Sir. The Government has taken the following steps to prevent the nefarious activities of Pakistan based saboteurs on the Indo-Pak border:

(i) Border fencing/flood lighting has been done in the Punjab & Rajasthan portion of the Indo-Pak border and it is being planned for the remaining portion of the International border.

(ii) Gaps between the Border Out Posts in vulnerable areas along the Indo-Pak have been reduced.

(iii) Border patrolling have been increased & intensified. The mobile patrolling has also been made more effective by providing jeeps and motor cycles. Mounted patrolling on horses, camels and tractors is also being done.

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